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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in the Northern Portion of the Soviet Zone of Germany

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

1. At about 0800 on 8 August 1954, a column of approximately 120 trucks, 20 heavy mortars, 20 medium AT guns, 5 field kitchens, and 1,000 soldiers left the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5161) in Hagenow and proceeded toward Boitzenburg. At about 2000, a column of approximately 50 trucks and 20 two-load guns passed through Hagenow. The column came from the direction of Schwerin and proceeded toward Boitzenburg. Residents from the area north of Boitzenburg stated that Soviet troops took position in the 5-km border strip on 8 August. Many vehicles were observed in the woods near the border. At about 1300 on 14 August, the column, which left on 8 August, returned to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. 1

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2. At 1600 on 14 August, a train which carried 10 medium AA guns and approximately 40 trucks passed through the Hagenow-Land railroad station and proceeded toward Schwerin. 2

3. At 1600 on 24 August, a column of 18 trucks, 12 x 76.2-mm field guns, 2 field kitchens and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia passed through Ieslitz. The column came from the direction of Treuenbrietzen and proceeded toward Potsdam. Trucks

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4. An undetermined number of units from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg left on 30 August.

5. At noon on 31 August, 16 rocket launchers including 2 radio trucks, approximately 35 trucks, and 3 field kitchens left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow and went west. 4

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1. Comment. Units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps apparently conducted a border employment exercise in the area north of Boitzenburg between 8 and 14 August. Official records indicated that units of the 18th Mech Div also conducted exercises in the border area southwest or west of Hagenow.

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According to present report, units of the 132d How Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Hagenow also participated in these exercises. The information confirms the assignment to the regiment of a heavy mortar battalion. The two-load guns may have belonged to artillery units from Schwerin.

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In 1952, 28-mm howitzers were allegedly observed in the Goerries Fliegerhorst (5546) in Schwerin.

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2. Comment. The train presumably carried units of the 2d Gds AAA Div which, according to [redacted] transferred from Wuenendorf to Wustrow on two trains [redacted] on 13/14 August. [redacted]

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3. Comment. [redacted] the column contained elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig of the Second Gds Mech Army which presumably returned by road to Doeberitz from firing practices at Jueterbog.

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4. Comment. Units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig from Brandenburg and elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig from Rathenow apparently left in late August for firing practices or exercises.

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